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HAND DELIVER

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary  
Department of Telecommunications and Energy  
One South Station  
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Re: The Berkshire Gas Company, D.T.E. 02-17

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Enclosed please find the Initial Brief of The Berkshire Gas Company in support of its petition in DTE 02-17.

Please call me if you require further assistance with respect to these matters.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

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